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SENIOR CLASS
OF 1953
PRESENTS---

VAN DEL SCHOOLS

Van Wert, Ohio

Dedicated To World Unity

SNAPSHOTS

Freshman Boys

Maxine

F. F. A. Party

Isn't this cute

Mary Lou posing

Mr. Mitchell

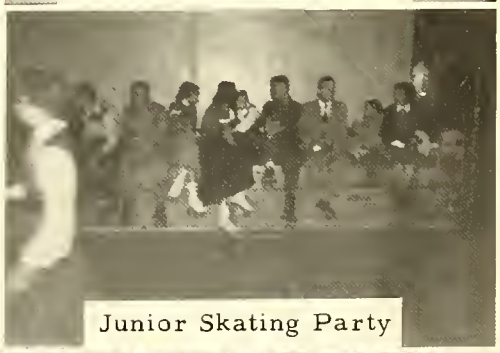
Pancho for President

The Winner

What's going on Patty?

A card game

Freshman Girls


Junior Skating Party

Home Ec. Teacher, Mrs. McGee

Jane and Rosie

Seniors

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OUR LEADERS

Van Wert County's Superintendent is Mr. R. G. Brand. He has been County Superintendent for six years. Before entering his position he was Superintendent of Ohio City-Liberty Centralized School.

SCHOOL BOARD

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Russel McCoy, Raymond Tomkins, Norman Thatcher. SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: John Tomlinson, Chester Wortman.

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FACULTY

MR. RALPH SAWMILLER--local school executive--teaches algebra 1, physics--previously taught at Ridge--graduated from Iowa State College with a B. S. degree in 1946.

MR. DWIGHT R. DECKER--principal--teaches typing II, journalism and Spanish--is the sponsor of the school paper--previously taught at Middle Point--sponsor of the National Honor Society--graduated Ball State Teachers College with B. A. Degree and Purdue University M. S. degree.

MR. JOHN T. LEE--teaches industrial arts and mathematics--sponsor of the senior class--taught last year in Burnettsville, Indiana--graduated from Ball State Teachers College with a B. S. degree.

MR. MITCHELL, the junior class and annual sponsor--teaches the commercial course--taught at Ridge last year--graduated from Ball State College with a B. S. degree in 1950.

MR. JACK RECK--coach--sponsor of the sophomore class--teaches science, English, biology, junior-senior physical education--taught at Middle Point last year--graduated from Purdue University with a B. P. E. in 1951.

MR. WALTER HARRIS--sponsor of the freshman class--teaches social studies along with physical education--coach--taught at Ridge last year--graduated from Ohio State University with a B. S. degree in Education in 1949.

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MR. LEROY JONES--teaches English, speech--is library supervisor--was a graduate of Taylor University in 1922 with a B. A. degree and in 1934 he graduated from the University of Michigan with a M. A. degree--taught previously in Middle Point.

MRS. BETTY BREESE--graduated from Wittenberg College in 1941 with a B. S. degree in Music education--taught last year at Ridge--teaches music at both the high school and the junior high buildings.

MRS. GRACE McGEE--teaches high school and junior high home economics advisor of the Y-Teen Club--graduated from Ohio State University with a degree of B. S. in Agriculture--taught previously in Middle Point.

MR. JOHN LEONARD--graduated from Ohio State University with a B. S. degree in 1931 and an M. A. degree in 1947--teaches Vocational Agriculture and is sponsor of the F.F.A. and the Y.F.A. chapters.

MR. DON MARSH--assistant principal and sponsor of the eighth grade--graduated in 1951 from Defiance College with a B. S. degree--teaches seventh and eight grade social studies, arithmetic, physical education and eight grade science--taught previously at Ridge.

MRS. KATHERINE D. SCHMIDT--sponsor of the seventh grade--taught previously in Delphos--teaches seventh and eighth grade English and science in the seventh grade--graduated in 1932 from Ohio University with an A. B. degree.

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MRS. LUCILLE TABLER--teaches the first grade at the Van Del Junior High School--has taught for 12 years at Middle Point--attended Bowling Green University for two years.

MRS. EDNA HYMAN--graduated from Ohio Northern in 1951 with a diploma in elementary education--teaches grades one and two at the Van Del High School--taught previously at Ridge.

MISS MARGARET DOLBEY--graduated from Ohio Northern in 1934 with degree in Elementary Education--teaches the second grade in Van Del Junior High School--taught at Middle Point last year.

MISS RUTH SLATTERY--teaches third and fourth grades--graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1927--previously taught at Ridge.

MRS. MARJORIE BELLIS--has a Pedagogy degree from Ohio Northern in 1927--teaches the third and fourth grades--taught at Middle Point last year.

MRS. MARGUERITE PENNELL--taught at the Marsh Foundation last year--teaches fifth and sixth grade this year in Van Del Senior High--attended Miami University.

MISS RUSHIE THATCHER--graduated from Ohio Northern University with a degree in Elementary Education in 1927--teaches the fifth and sixth grades this year--taught at Middle Point last year.

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CLASS OFFICERS
LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary K. Poe, Secretary-treasurer; Jack Peck, President; Margaret Dunifon, Vice-President; Carolyn Wueller, Reporter; John T. Lee, Sponsor.

Class Motto:
"EVER CLIMBING"

Class Colors:
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BONNIE KIMMEY "Bone-Yard"
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MARGARET DUNIFON "Muggins"
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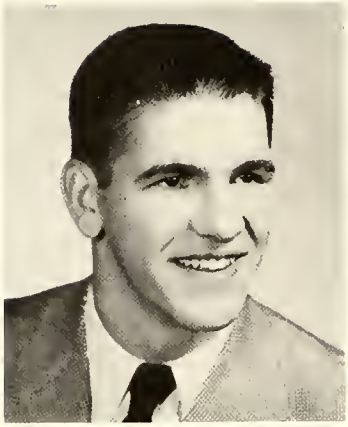

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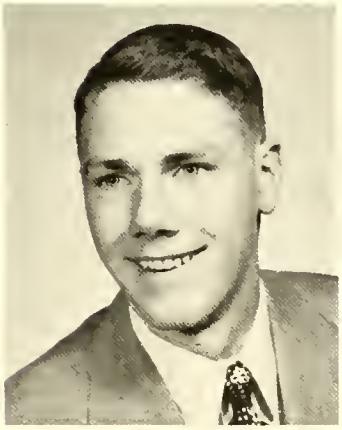

PAUL MOORMAN "Paul Jay"
Mixed Chorus; Class President 1, 2; Class Secretary 3; Boys Glee Club 1; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4-Treasurer 2, Secretary 3, President 4; Class Play 52-53; Rocket Staff 3; Annual Staff 4; District State Scholarship Tests 1, 2.

MARCIA PRIDDY "Hazel"
College Entrance; Y-Teens-President 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 1, 4; Girls Glee Club 1, 4; Class Play 53; Annual Staff 4; Candle Staff 4; School Pianist 4.

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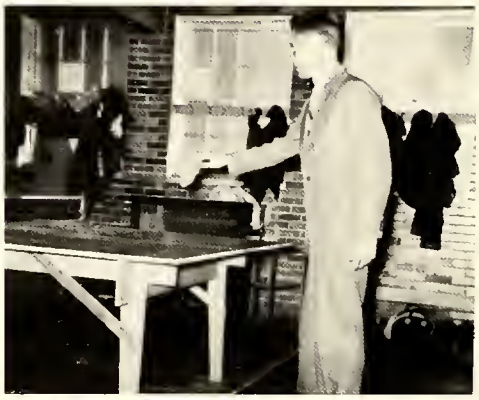
SNAPSHOTS

Annual Staff at work

Junior High Practice

Secretary, Jean Davis



The Champ!

Ouch!

Hawkeye and his detention room

Mr. Reck and his Christmas present

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CLASS HISTORY

Seven excited first graders entered the doors of Middle Point High School September 8, 1941 to begin their 12 year career. The six girls and one boy were: Alice Baldauf, Janet Parker, Sandra Kay Beach, Mary Jane Myers, Carol Ann Kimmet, Virginia Cottingham , and James Van Demark. During the year John Crisenberry, Shirley Klinger and Patty Myers increased the number in our grade to ten. Miss Obenour helped us through our most difficult year.

When we entered our room to begin our second year we found that our teacher had been promoted with us, but for some unknown reason her name had changed to Mrs. Hornish.

In the fall of 43 we found we had left our first and second grade teacher behind and this year we were in a new room with Miss Dolbey as our instructor.

While in the fourth grade Miss Dolbey had to put up with only three pupils.

The fifth grade really was remarkable not only because we went up stairs and had a new teacher, Miss Thatcher, but our class had whittled down to an enrollment of two, Alice Baldauf and Kenneth Nichols, Our teacher had a vacation when both of us were absent.

Since we added Bonnie Kimmey to our class we could now boast six, quite an improvement over last year's two. Again this year Miss Thatcher was our teacher.

Eight members constituted our class the first year of junior high. Mr. Ivan Bailey presided over, Alice Allemeier, Alice Baldauf, Donna Bragg, Marilyn Dermeyer, Bonnie Kimmey, Kenneth Nichols, and Jerry and John Ramirez. Eugene Blankemeyer came to our school during the year.

At last we were in the last year of grade school with Mr. Bailey as our home room teacher. We lost Alice Allemeier, Jarry Ramirez, John Ramirez, and Marilyn Deremeyer but gained Jack Peck, Frank Pollock and Robert Bailey. Mary Hurley was with us for only a short time.

The big time finally came, we were in high school. Miss Margaret Jones was the sponsor of the seven "greenies", Alice Baldauf, Donna Bragg, Robert Bailey, Eugene Blankemeyer, Bonnie Kimmey, Jack Peck, and Frank Pollock.

In our spohomre year we had the same advisor, Miss Jones. By gaining Carolyn Wueller and losing Eugene Blankemeyer our class numbered seven at the end of the year.

Because Max Gamble joined our class we had a total of eight our junior year. Along with the Prom, the play "Nowhere Fast" and trying to get money for the class trip, the juniors were kept pretty busy. During the summer Robert Bailey moved.

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The big night has arrived! By special invitation we are going to see a performance of "The History of the (former) Ridge Seniors of 1953."

As the curtain rises we see eleven tiny, awe-stricken first-graders under the instruction of Mrs. Smith, Members of the cast in the first act are: Juanita Grunden, Ralph Matthews, Ray Sterling, Janet Bowers, Charles Sanderson, and Kay Maxson. Margaret Dunifon, Mary K. Poe, Josephine Clark, and Gene Goodwin are in the starring roles.

Gene Goodwin shoots a paper-wad and is immediately sent to the office. Similiar occurrances are repeated several times during the play.

Mrs. Smith is also the teacher in the second grade.

When the pupils go through the third grade, they are under the instruction of Miss Slattery.

Through the grades, many pupils are added and many more move away.

When the pupils are in the fourth and fifth grades, Mrs. Hyman is the instructor, and in the sixth, it is Miss Ramsey. The curtain falls and the first act is over.

After a short intermission, the curtain rises again. The cast has changed somewhat. Players now on the stage are Kay Maxon, Mary K. Poe, Josephine Clark, Margaret Dunifon, Nelda Bradford, Gene Goodwin, Byron Good, Paul Moorman, Barry Groathouse, Virginia Ross, and Frank Pollock.

The students seem to be very excited about something, We hear one of Them exclaim "Golly, just think! We're in Junior High now, right upstairs with all the high school." Mr. Hebb is the instructor during the seventh grade and Mr. Wood is in the eighth.

Nothing very exciting happens during this act except that everyone is anticipating the third act, when the students are in high school.

Another short intermission and the curtain rises again; this time on only seven players; Mary K. Poe, Margaret Dunifon, Josephine Clark, Gene Goodwin, Byron Good, Paul Moorman, and Bill Hart.

The freshman year began with initiation. What an ordeal!

During the sophomore year the big excitement was the ordering of the class rings which came at the beginning of the Junior year.

Most of the Junior year was centered around the class play "Have a Heart", and plans for the Junior-Senior Prom. My, what a lavish affair! The theme was "In the Garden of Tomorrow". The evening began with a banquet and later everyone danced to the music of Don Underwood's orchestra.

The final scene is rather sad but it is new and different too. Middle Point and Ridge Schools have merged and are now one. There are ten members in the Senior class: Bonnie Kimmey, Alice Baldauf, Carolyn Wueller, Josephine Clark, Margaret Dunifon, Mary K. Poe, Marcia Priddy, Gene Goodwin, Paul Moorman, and Jack Peck. What with the class play, "Moon Shy", annual, Prom, graduation, and class trip, besides the usual classes, tests, sports and parties, it is a very busy year.

The play is over now, The cast is sorry to see it end because they have enjoyed the time spent on it and have also received some valuable pointers from it for future use. Although they are sorry to see it end it is also a relief to know that it is over; and too, everyone is anxious to see what the future holds for him.

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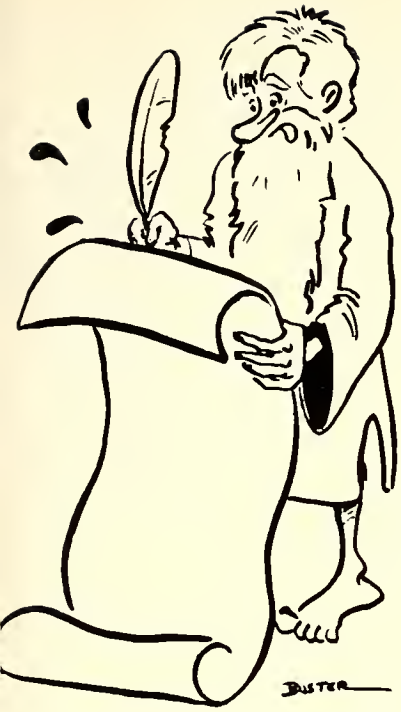

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of 1953 of Van Del High School, being of sound mind and body, contrary to the opinion of others; do hereby make this Our Last Will and Testament.

ARTICLE I - To the faculty we leave peace and quiet, which some of them will enjoy. We also hope that they will find ten seniors identically like us.

ARTICLE II - To the janitor we leave the dryed-up gum under the seats and the markings on the walls. To the cooks we leave peace and quiet and no seniors bothering them while they are preparing the meals.

ARTICLE III - To the underclass men: To the juniors we leave our home room and sponsor, John T. Lee. To the sophomores we leave our remarkable ability to get along with the faculty. To the freshmen we leave three more years of fun and also the ability to make this school one to be proud of.

ARTICLE IV - I, Alice Baldauf, will my ability to square dance to the freshmen boys and my big feet to Olene Wortman. I, Carolyn Wueller, will my good grades to anyone who needs them; especially in commercial subjects. I, Bonnie Kimmey, will my slimness to Maxine Adams on one condition; that is, that she will me some of her weight next year when she is a senior. I, Paul Moorman, will my ability to put things back together to Mr. Sawmiller, and my grades to Joe Hoghe. I, Josephine Clark, will my locker, number seventeen, to anyone who can keep it straightened up; something I have been unable to do. I, Margaret Dunifon, will my shorthand book to Faith Ellen Rogers if she thinks she can do it. I, Jack Peck, will my strength to Bill Bowden, my brains to Barbara Tabler, my height to Larry Putt, my looks to Bill Paupard, and my sports ability to Butch Stepelton. I, Mary K. Poe, will my three enjoyable years as high school cheerleader and the fun I have after the games to Patty Reynolds. I, Marcia Priddy, will my brains, beauty and personality to anyone who will appreciate them and my ability to get along with Mr. Decker to Bill Bowden. (As if he needed it.) I, Gene Goodwin, will my English brain to anyone who can store so much in it as I have, the honor of being captain of the basketball team to Larry Putt, my pleasure of driving to school every day to Mr. Harris, and the money to own a Studebaker to Mr. Lee.

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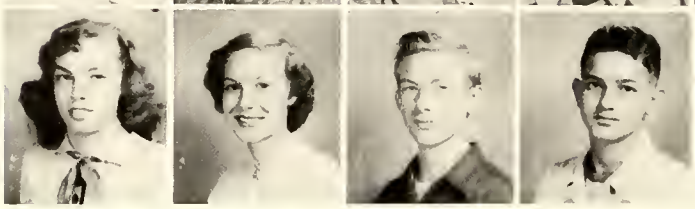

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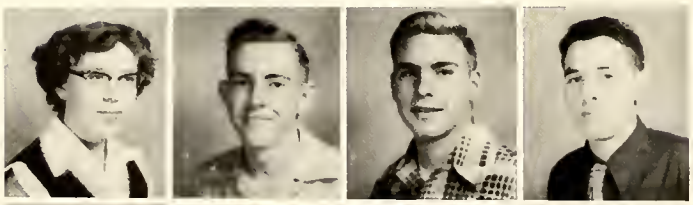

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Posing for the birdie

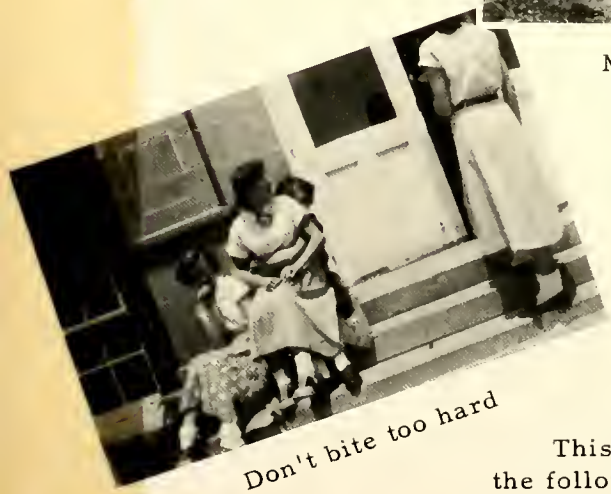
Looking the girls over

Freshman Initiation

Junior and Senior P. J. Party

Junior Skating Party

Maynard and Ronnie



Don't bite too hard

Seniors

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Roger Peck
Cartha Pollock
Larry Putt

A halloween masquerade party took place Monday October 27 at the Van Del High School building.

The Sophomores under the supervision of Mr. Reck, the class sponsor, played games after which refreshments were served.

Three prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

William Paupard
John Reidenbach
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Rex Ritchie

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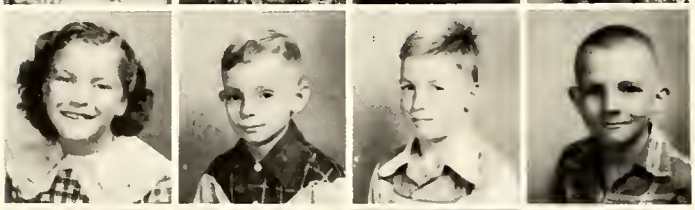

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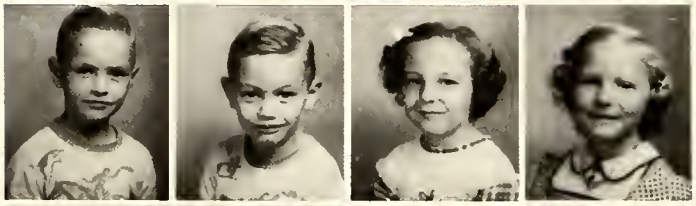

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OUR VARSITY SQUAD

LEFT TO RIGHT: Roger Peck, Harold Wollenhaupt, Jack Peck, Ronnie McCleary, Larry Putt, Gene Goodwin, Bob Matthews, Ronnie Long, Maynard Kerns, David Cowgill.

The Varsity squad under the direction of Coach Jack Reck finished up the year in fourth place in the County League. We drew Ohio City in the tournament and was defeated 54-40. Jack Peck and Gene Goodwin will be leaving two Varsity Suits vacant, while a number of Jr. High boys will be coming into high school. We ended the season with a total of three wins and thirteen loses.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponets	SCORE Van Del	Opp.
Nov. 1	Buckland	48	51
Nov. 4	York	42	30
Nov. 11	Hoaglin-Jackson	51	70
Nov. 21	Grover Hill	37	50
Nov. 26	Ohio City	43	86
Dec. 5	Convoy	41	47
Dec. 12	Grover Hill	46	70
Dec. 19	Willshire	52	48
Dec. 23	Mendon	48	70
Jan. 6	Blue Creek	48	58
Jan. 16	Hoaglin-Jackson	50	64
Jan. 23	Delphos Jefferson	45	79
Jan. 30	York	78	54
Feb. 6	Oakwood	52	57
Feb. 10	Wren	41	50
Feb. 16	Ohio City	40	54

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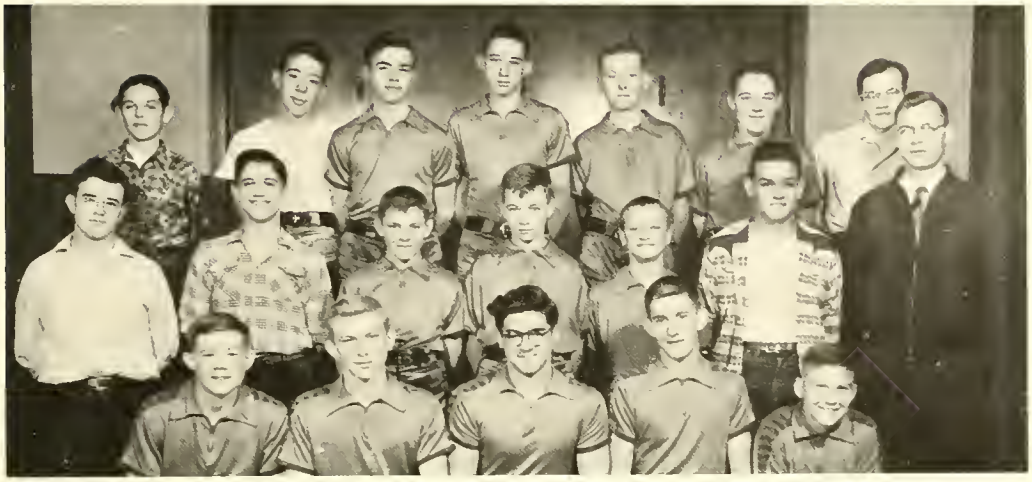
OUR RESERVE SQUAD



BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bernard Hines, Joe Hoghe, Chester Placke, Don Bragg, Eugene Vorst, Larry Poling, Bill Hirt. MIDDLE ROW: Joe Leathers, Jack Stein, Gary Myers, Bob Friesner, Bill Gerdeman, Larry Davis, Coach Jack Reck. FRONT ROW: Raymond O'daffer, Ralph Hammons, Bill Paupard, Ed Lewis, Rex Ritchie.

The Reserves had a pretty good year. Coached also by Jack Reck, they won six and lost a total of nine. These boys will be the future varsity in a year or two. Getting help from the Jr. High, the future years look pretty favorable.

All the boys on both teams wish to thank Coach Reck on his guidance and also, we wish to compliment the student managers, Joe Leathers, Larry Davis, and Jack Stein on keeping our suits clean and our athletic equipment in swell shape.

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BASEBALL TEAM

ROW 1: Bob Friesner, Larry Poling, Ralph Hammons, Ronnie Long, Rex Ritchie, Bill Hirt. ROW 2: Jack Stein, Frank Wilk, Don Arn, Jack Peck, Roger Peck, Paul Moorman, Ronnie McCleery, Joe Hoghe, Raymond O'Daffer, Mr. Harris.

This year fifteen boys, coached by Walter Harris, won two games and lost three.

We are all looking forward to Spring training and participating in the Van Wert County Baseball Tournament. We will do our best.

The three seniors, Paul, Jack, and Gene, wish the best of luck to the future squad. We also wish to thank Jack Stein for managing our team. To our coach, Walt Harris, we wish the best of luck in making the Van Del baseball team something to be proud of.

Convoy-Union	--	lost
Wren	--	lost
Hoaglin-Jackson	--	won
Willshire	--	lost
York	--	won

Coach Walt Harris

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OUR TEAM

CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Donna Davis, Mary K. Poe, Barbara Tabler, Evelyn Davis.

TOP TO BOTTOM: Joan Schaadt, Karen Bowden, Marilyn Vorst, Judy Wortman.

Barbara Tabler, Mary K. Poe, Evelyn Davis, and Donna Davis did an excellent job as official "pepper-uppers" for the new Van Del Rockets of 1952-53.

Since this was the first year of consolidation, and the girls were from two different schools, you can imagine what a tough position they were in. They have done a fine job of forming new yells and keeping the cheering section in high spirits.

Thanks, girls! we are very proud of you.

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OUR CHAMPIONS

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Chuck Ditto, Dean Stemen, Leon Vorst, Gary Stewart, Rex Schaadt, Gary Cooper, Larry DuCheney, Melvin Warnecke. FRONT ROW: Bobby McGee, Wayne Longstreth, Bobby Tompkins, Phil Jones.

Led by Coach Walter Harris, the Junior High boys showed their ability of playing basketball by winning sixteen games in sucession and bringing home the championship trophy of the county.

The Junior High shows great expectations for further years in Van Del. Scoring was outstanding for these boys. Sometimes the score would run up as high as seventy points. They ended up with an average of sixty-five points per game. In the tournament, after whipping Convoy-Union, which was coached by Mr. Harris' kid brother, they went on to meet Willshire and defeat them by a score of 43-19.

Congradulations to Coach Harris and good luck to the boys who will be participating in high school basketball in years to come.

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Adviser
John H. Leonard

The Van Del Chapter Future Farmers of America, celebrates their twenty-fifth Anniversary, as the Chapter was chartered in 1928 with L. W. Adam as adviser and Lewis Johnson as President.

Our sixteen members presented a school assembly, window display, and news articles as their part in celebrating National F. F. A. Week and the twenty-fifth Anniversary. We were honored during National F. F. A. Week by having A. W. Tenney, National F. F. A. Executive Secretary, and W. G. Weiler, State Advisor, to visit our chapter.

Some of the activities of the chapter were: Farm Mixer, Parent and Son Banquet, County public speaking with Harold Wollenhaupt receiving a gold rating and Ronnie McCleary receiving a silver rating, county preceedence contest, county, district, and state judging contest, State F. F. A. Convention, and F. F. A. camp. We sold seed corn, magazines, and warfarn.

David Leathers was the second member of our chapter to receive the American Farmer Award.

The officers for the year were: Paul Moorman, President; Maynard Kerns, Vice President; David Cowgill, Reporter; Donald Arn, Treasurer; Ronnie McCleary, Secretary; John Reidenbach, Sentinel; Harold Wollenhaupt, Historian and John Leonard, Advisor.

Y-TEENS

LEFT TO RIGHT, STANDING: Mary Ellen Demint, Barbara Tabler, Alice Baldauf, Evelyn Davis, Maxine Adams, Sandra Moorman, Phyllis Miller, Barbara Hart, Myrna Davis, Marcia Priddy, Joan Steman, Shirley Mihm, Jean Miller, Bonnie Kimmey, Margaret Dunifon, Patty Good, Delilah Myers, Jean Baer, Mrs. McGee. SECOND ROW, STANDING: Jacqeline Shook, Donna Davis, Rosa Long, Cartha June Pollock, Carol Jean DuCheney, Jane Dickinson, Mary Jane Longstreth, Sue Demint, Lucille Brown, Patty Reynolds, Gloria McGannon, Mary Lou Girod, Faith Rogers, Helen Long, Josephine Clark, Jackie Elder. SITTING: Joan Wortman, Ruth Martin, Mary Baldauf, Helen Johnson, Mildred Hoghe, Mary K. Poe, Carolyn Wueller, Marcille Brown, Beulah Swany, Phyllis Gribler.

Mrs. McGee, Advisor

Marcia Priddy, President

The Van Del Y-Teens Club of 44 members began its meeting with Marcia Priddy presiding, Josephine Clark as Vice-President, Bonnie Kimmey as Secretary, Carolyn Wueller as Treasury, and Mary K. Poe as Reporter.

The first event for our club this school year was the Freshman Initiation. They had to suffer quite a bit but I am sure, that if you ask them they will tell you it was worth it.

We hold our yearly dance on Valentine's Day. The whole high school was invited. The dance was a big success.

Our project for the year was sending clothes to orphanages.

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This annual is a representation of the first Senior Class to be graduated from the newly created Van Del School. The staff and I hope that you will find in it some of the interesting high lights of the year. For many of the seniors, this concludes their school days; may they keep this book as a reminder of one of the most pleasant phases of their life.

J. Mitchell

John Covell Peck
Genie Paul Goodwin
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This year we have had the honor of publishing the first Van Del School paper, the Candle. With the help of Mr. Decker, our sponsor, we printed all news from both buildings that would be of interest to the Candle readers. We believe that this has been a successful year for the staff, and we hope that the readers have enjoyed each issue. It was a great privilege printing them for their enjoyment.

Barbara Tabler
Jeannie Baer
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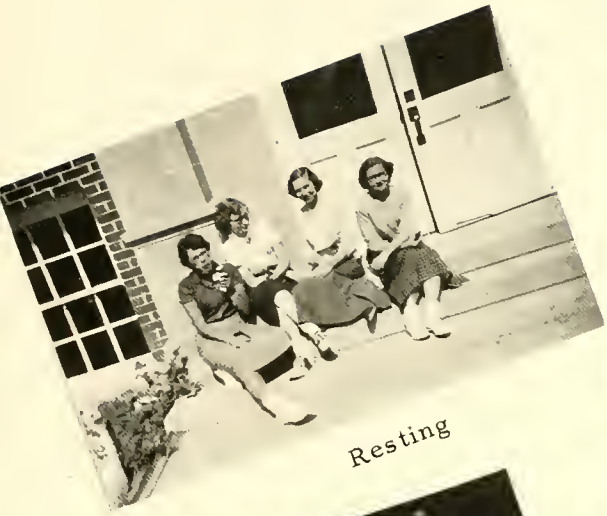

Resting

Freshman Girls

Ted and Bill

Girls ?

Glamour pusses

A Girl's dream come true

Paul Woodruff in his Sunday best

Gloria

Championship coach

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BOY'S CHORUS

LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: Kenny Gillespie, Bill Gerdeman, Frank Wilk, Joe Hoghe, Dave Cargill, Bill Bowden, Larry Poling, Rex Ritchie. LEFT TO RIGHT, 2ND ROW: Robert Wueller, Roger Peck, Ralph Hammons, Ronnie McCleery, Mrs. Breese, Richard Holtvoight, Dave Cargill, Harold Wollenhauph, and Ronnie Long.

GIRL'S CHORUS

FIRST ROW: Jacqueline Elder, Rose O'daffer, Beulah Swany, Jane Dickinson, Carolyn Wueller, Mary K. Poe, Faith Rogers, Marcille Brown, Thelma White, and Joan Wortman. SECOND ROW: Helen Long, Rosa Long, Lucille Brown, Phyllis Gribler, Jacqueline Shook, Mary Jane Longstreth, Donna Davis, Maxine Adams, Mrs. Breese, Evelyn Davis, Delilah Myers, Jean Baer, Josephine Clark, Carol Sue Demint, Mildred Hoghe, Cartha June Pollock, Carol Jean DuCheney, and Ruth Martin. THIRD ROW: Patty Reynolds, Mary Lou Girod, Mary Ellen Demint, Barbara Tablor, Gloria McGannon, Sandra Moorman, Phyllis Miller, Barbara Hart, Myrna Davis, Marcia Priddy, Joan Stemen, Shirley Mihm, Jean Miller, Bonnie Klmmey, Margaret Dunifon, Patty Good, Phyllis Breece, Mary Baldauf, Helen Johnson.

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MIXED CHORUS

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jacqueline Elder, Mary Kay Poe, Faith Rogers, Mary Lou Girod, Carolyn Wueller, Carole Jean DuCheney, Cattha June Pollock, Mildred Hoghe, Phyllis Breece, Rosy O'daffer. SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Jacqueline Shook, Mary Demint, Barbara Tabler, Patty Good, Maxine Adams, Bill Bowden, Ronald Long, Mrs. Breese, Dave Cowgill, Larry Poling, Margaret Dunlfon, Evelyn Davis, Delilah Myers, Jeanne Baer, Josephine Clark, Thelma J. White. THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Gloria McGannon, Sandra Moorman, Phyllis Miller, Barbara Hart, Myrna Davis, Frank Wilk, Robert Wueller, Richard Holtvoight, Ronnie McCleery, Dave Cargill, Ralph Hammons, Harold Wollenhaup, Roger Peck, Joe Hoghe, Marcia Priddy, Shirley Mihm, Jeanne Miller, Bonnie Kimmey, Carol Sue Demint.

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MAMA'S BABY BOY

"Mama's Baby Boy," a three-act comedy was presented by the junior class in the junior high building, April 10, 1953.

A great amount of fun occured in this play when a very attractive widow, nearing forty, Anna McLean, (played by Barbara Tabler), had her eighteen-year-old son, Shephard, (played by Bill Bowden), dress and pose as a youth of thirteen, so that she might pass as a younger woman and marry a widower, Luther Long, whom she believed to be wealthy.

In turn, Luther Long, (played by Maynard Kerns), trying to appear younger, had his seventeen-year-old daughter, Juliet, (played by Evelyn Davis), pose as a girl of twelve so that he might wed the widow whom he believed to be rich. Neither the widow nor the widower had a cent. This situation led to no end of complications when each tried to keep the knowledge of his losses from the other, also the knowledge of the real ages of their children.

Other characters in the play were:

Maxine Adams . . . . . Minnie, a Negro maid.
Myrna Davis . . Mrs. McLean's sweet mother, Mrs. Blackburn.
Bob Matthews . . . . . A high-powered salesman, Max Moore.
Mildred Hoghe . . . . . .Mrs. Anglin, a society woman
Mary Ellen Demint, Richard Hines and Jean Baer . . . . . .
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MOON SHY

Senior Play Cast

Margaret	Margaret Dunifon
Paul	Paul Moorman
Esmeralda	Mary K. Poe
Lora Lee	Josephine Clark
Nancy	Carolyn Wueller
First Girl	Alice Baldauf
Second Girl	Bonnie Kimmey
E. Mortimer Perkins	Jack Peck
Duke	Gene Goodwin
Maggie	Marcia Priddy

Senior Class Play

Margaret, our heroine, owned a cabin at a lake where she was staying. She had her friends visit her during the week end.

Her friends were, Nancy, Esmeralda, Lora Lee, the First Girl and the Second Girl. She also had a maid named Maggie, who had a boyfriend named Duke. He was a burglar.

Paul, her brother came unexpected and brought his college friend with him. His name was E. Mortimer Perkins. He was shyer than shy.

Esmeralda had brought her emeralds with her and Duke tried to steal them, but was stopped by E. Mortimer Perkins.

In the end, they let Duke escape with Maggie the Maid. E. Mortimer Perkins got over his shyness and stole Lora Lee's heart from Paul. Everything ended happily for everyone but Paul, who was captured by Esmeralda.

HONOR SOCIETY

LEFT TO RIGHT, STANDING: Maxine Adams, Evelyn Davis, Bill Bowden, Maynard Kerns, Barbara Tabler, Josephine Clark, Dwight R. Decker, sponsor. SITTING: Bonnie Kimmey, Carolyn Wueller, Alice Baldauf.

Making money for a project was what the National Honor Society concentrated on at the beginning of this year. The three members from last year; Carolyn Wueller-President, Alice Baldauf-Vice-President, and Bonnie Kimmey-Secretary, under the direction of Mr. Decker-sponsor, worked at the basketball games, along with several prospective members, in order to make money.

The project this year was to purchase a trophy or plaque for the outstanding freshman, which would have his name engraved on it. The freshman will be chosen on the basis of Character, Service, Scholarship, and Leadership. These characteristics are the standards of the Honor Society. The freshman winner will also get an Honor Society pin to keep for himself. The purpose of this is to encourage pupils to make higher grades.

The qualifications essential for membership in the Honor Society are: The pupil must have an average grade of a "2" A junior or senior in high school, approved by a vote of the faculty, and he must take a scholarship test.

SENIORS ?

Margaret Dunifon

Paul Moorman

Marcia Priddy

Alice Baldauf

Josephine Clark

Guess Who? (Hint--DRD)

Carolyn Wueller

Mary K. Poe

Gene Goodwin

Bonnie Kimmey

Jack Peck

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CALENDAR

CALENDAR 1952-1953

SEPTEMBER
Back to School
26 Baseball--Convoy at Middle Point
30 Baseball--Wren at Middle Point

OCTOBER
3 Baseball--at Willshire
3 Cheerleader try-outs
7 Baseball--at Hoaglin Jackson
10 Baseball--York at Middle Point
13 Juniors ordered class rings
15 Smile Pretty--individual photos taken
18 Senior Bake Sale
21 Junior skating party
27 Sophomore party
29 F. F. A. party
29 Senior pictures taken

NOVEMBER
1 Began basketball season by playing Buckland at M. P.
4 York at M. P.
7 Senior Play, "Moon Shy"
11 Mendon at M. P.
14 Basketball game at Hoaglin Jackson
18 Y-Teen Party
18 Group pictures taken
21 Grover Hill at M. P.
26 Ohio City at M. P.

DECEMBER
2 Junior all- school party
4 Every Pupil Tests
5 Convoy at M. P.
6 Senior Bake Sale
12 Played Grover Hill at Grover Hill
16 & 17 Christmas Programs
19 Willshire at M. P.
20 Junior Bake Sale
23 Played at Mendon
24 to January 5, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

JANUARY
1 Junior High Holiday Tournament
6 Blue Creek at M. P.
9 Game at Wren
16 Hoaglin Jackson at M. P.
19 Junior High game with Paulding
22 Junior High game at Delphos Jefferson
23 High School game at Delphos Jefferson
29 Junior High vs. York at M. P.
31 Senior General Scholarship Test

FEBRUARY
3 Freshman Skating Party
6 Junior High game at Oakwood
9 Junior High Tournament at M. P.
13 Y- Teen Valentine Dance
18-20 Junior High Tournament finals
26 F. F. A. Assembly
27 Junior Bubble Show

MARCH
24 Preliminary District State Tests
27 Sophomore Skating Party
30 Fish Fry- Home Ex and Ind. Arts Exibit

APRIL
1-2 Every Pupil Tests
3-7 Joyous Easter
8 F. F. A. Parent Son Banquet
10 Junior Play
14 Teachers Banquet
17 Eighth Grade State Test
24 Preliminary District State Scholarship Tests
28 Music Festival at Convoy

MAY
2 Final District State Test at Ada
24 Baccalaureate
27 Commencement
30 Have a good vacation

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OUR CLASS IN 1973

Minus five-minus four-minus three-minus two-minus one! With a roar and a flash the Rocket went up into the sky. It is headed toward Venus for the visit to the members of the first class graduated from Van Del High School.

Settling back in my pressure-nutralizing chair, I inspected my fellow passengers. Two seats ahead of me, was a slim girl with black hair. She looked familiar but I couldn't figure who she was. Finally it got on my nerves so the next time I saw the stewardess go through the aisle, I stopped her and asked her if she knew the young lady's name. She said that it was one of her old school friends, Margaret Dunifon.

Doing some quick reasoning, since Margaret was my old school chum, I came to the conclusion that I must have gone to school with the stewardess too. I acquainted her with the facts and asked her what her name was. She said that she was Alice Baldauf. I would have fallen out of my pressure compartment if I hadn't been strapped in it. Boy! Has she changed! I never expected to see her working as a Rocket Hostess. I always thought she wanted to be a secretary.

Alice and I went over to the seat where Margaret was sitting to find out what she was doing these days. She informed us that she is married and is sharing a duplex house on Saturn with Josphine Clark and her husband. Between the two families they have eleven children. Margaret was returning to her home after being to earth to buy some ear plugs.

When the Rocket settled on Mars to refuel, a couple of professional space-ship entertainers got on the ship. I recognized them instantly because their faces could never be forgotten. After inviting them to sit with me, I discovered that they had taken up the profession of comedians shortly after they had graduated from high school. They had on cashmere space clothes so they must be doing all right telling the jokes that got them in so much trouble at school. If you haven't already guessed, I have been talking about Gene Goodwin and Jack Peck. If you are wondering what happened to Barbara, she is married to Jack and she goes along to write their scripts.

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Seniors

The plane finally landed at Venus and as I stumbled off, I ran right smack into a tall, blue-eyed blond man. As soon as I regained my possessions and dignity, I discovered who it was that I had so rudely bumped into. It was Paul Moorman. I told him who I was and he asked to take me to dinner.

As we talked over dinner, I finally got him to admit that he was a model for "Arrow Shirts." The restaurant we were at was named "His and Their". The waitress who took our order was Marcia Priddy. She had come to Venus during the gold rush of '69' and lost all her savings. Now she was trying to save enough money to get back to the United States and start a rest home for old collie dogs.

The proprietress of the store was Mary K. Poe. She wasn't there at the time but Marcia said that she was a shrewd little business woman and was making quite a lot of money. In her spare time, she gives cheerleading lessons to the cheerleaders at Venus Planet University. I guess she is quite famous on Venus and was elected "Miss Venus With Arms of 1970."

Carolyn Wueller came into the room as we were talking. She is married to the President of "The Society to Compile Names of the People Important Enough to be Listed in the Who's Who on Venus."

Carolyn is mother of three boys which she named Gene, Jack and Paul in honor of the boys who graduated in"53" from Van Del High School. She is also famous for the book she wrote called "Who's Who on Maple Street."

The only person we had not seen was Bonnie Kimmey. Carolyn knew her telephone number and called her to tell her to come over. Bonnie is private secretary to Carolyn's husband and will soon be promoted to Vice President of the Society. When she has acquired a savings account of fifty thousand dollars, She plans to get married.

As I was waiting for Bonnie to arrive, I heard the warning siren on the Rocket go off, so I couldn't stay to see her but had to run to catch a ride back home.

Before I left I made arrangements for a class meeting on the Earth in 1993 so I would not have to run all over the Solar System to see my classmates.

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